

The Saddle put on the right Horse:

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**DONALD MACDONALD's
T H O U G H T S**

On the present Times.

A

P O E M,

In the *Ramsonian* Stile.

Per varios casus, per tot discrimina rerum, tendimus in
P—t—b—m.

T H E S E C O N D E D I T I O N .

To which is subjoined,

The Apparition of his G H O S T, to a Prisoner
in the *New-Goal*, in *Southwark*.

Post mortem nobis nulla voluptas datur,
Proh dolor !

L O N D O N ;

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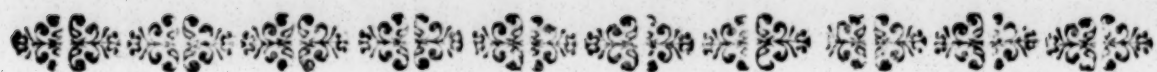
Ramsonian

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Several Persons, who have seen the following Poem in Manuscript, and are acquainted with the *Scotch* Dialect, bestow great Encomiums on the Performance, and think it equal to any of *Allan Ramsay's*.

Tho' to an *English* Reader, unacquainted with the *Scotch* Language, much of the Beauty is lost, yet as the Author has taken care to explain the unintelligible Words and Phrases, he will see that there's Spirit and Humour in the Thing, much more than reasonable might be expected from a Man in such a Situation. It is therefore hoped that this little Poem will divert those into whose Hands it comes.





The Saddle, &c.

I Have ten ¹ Merks, ² nae ³ mere, nor less,
 To put my Writings to the Press;
 It's ⁴ a the ⁵ Geer I ⁶ ha laid bye,
 And ⁷ foul befa me if I lye;
 Though I ⁸ mawn in the ⁹ Widdy swing,
 Which is a Develish ugly Thing;
 Yet ¹⁰ blith's my Heart when I now see,
 That *English* ¹¹ Fouks are worse than we;
 And, tho' they did ¹² na venture out,
 Because they were ¹³ na ¹⁴ unco stout;

Yet

¹ a Scotch Mark is 1 s. 1 d. $\frac{2}{3}$.
² no
³ more
⁴ all
⁵ Money
⁶ have
⁷ may evil betide me

⁸ must
⁹ Gallows
¹⁰ glad
¹¹ Folks
¹² not
¹³ not
¹⁴ very

Yet as they made us heedless Fools,
 Take up the Cudgels as their Tools,
 I hope and pray the ¹courdly ²Fallas,
 May gain their due, I mean the ³Gallas:
 Of *Scotsmen* they who now ⁴compline,
 Are like the Dog who bites the ⁵Stine;
 And not the ⁶Nive which ⁷keust it out,
 By which ⁸peer ⁹Baty ¹⁰gat a ¹¹Clout;
 So if I hear an *Englishman*,
 At Rebel *Scots* now curse and ¹²ban;
 I'll roar and swear 'till I am Hoarse,
 The Saddle's now on the right Horse;
 For no Rebellion ¹³wid ¹⁴ha been,
 Had *English* Money not been ¹⁵geen.

Fou

¹ cowardly
² Fellows
³ Gallows
⁴ complain
⁵ Stone
⁶ Hand
⁷ threw
⁸ poor

⁹ Curr or Dog
¹⁰ got
¹¹ Stroke
¹² swear
¹³ would
¹⁴ have
¹⁵ given

¹ Fu well its ²kent that *Highland* Lads,
³Wi naked ⁴Houghs, and belted Plads;
 Will for the ⁵Goud ⁶brak a the Laws,
 And ⁷braly fight in any Cause;
 But then the ⁸Lowns ⁹wha ¹⁰pat them on,
 Have ¹¹a the **Guilt** on them alone.
 Had I but ¹²Goud at my Command,
 I'd raise, in this same *English* Land,
 Ten thousand ¹³Lowns, who at my Nod,
 Wou'd kill their King, or curse their God;
 So never ¹⁴winer that a *Scot*,
¹⁵Wha sold his King for a ¹⁶peer Groat;
 Should when the Goud in ¹⁷Goupens came,
¹⁸Inse ¹⁹mare be brib'd to do the same.

B

If

¹ full
² known
³ with
⁴ Hams
⁵ Gold
⁶ brake all
⁷ bravely
⁸ Rogues
⁹ who
¹⁰ put

¹¹ all
¹² Gold
¹³ Rogues
¹⁴ wonder
¹⁵ who sold
¹⁶ poor
¹⁷ Handfulls
¹⁸ once
¹⁹ more

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If good King ¹*Sheorge* my ²*Crag* will spair,
 And ³lat me Hame again repair;
 By ⁴*Gouden Walies* if I'm caught,
 The ⁵*Deel* may fle me Belly flaght;
 Or mak a ⁶*Tulchin* of my Skin,
 The Day that I am ⁷clicked in,
 Or ⁸*Fangs* to *Flails*, or bullet Bags,
 Or even ⁹*Pookies* for ald Rags;
 But if I ¹⁰mawn gang a gray gate,
 And at the Widdy end my Fate;
 I hope in God ere twelve Months ¹¹gane,
 The Gallas will ¹²ha ¹³ilky ane,
 Of a the fourteen Hundred ¹⁴Hogs,
 The ¹⁵maughtless, ¹⁶heartless, ¹⁷faullefs Dogs;
¹⁸Wha

¹ *George*

² *Neck*

³ Let me Home

⁴ gold Trinkets, by *Gouden Walies*
 the Author alludes here to *Guineas*.

⁵ *Deel may fle me Belly flaght*, i. e.
 may the Devil take off the Skin of
 my Belly

⁶ This Word *Tulchin* has various
 Significations, such as *Thongs*, a
 horse Collar, a Piper's Bags, &c.

⁷ hook'd or drawn in

⁸ *Thongs* to *Threshers*

⁹ little Pockets or Bags for old Rags

¹⁰ must be unfortunate

¹¹ gone

¹² have

¹³ every

¹⁴ a Year-old Lamb

¹⁵ fumbling or weakly

¹⁶ no Heart

¹⁷ no Soul

who

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¹Wha gi them but a well stuf'd ²Kite,
 Will bark ³fo loud, yet dare ⁴na bite,
⁵Vow! ⁶aft my Wife and a my ⁷Chiller,
 Bad me ⁸gi back the *English* Siller;
 And stay at ⁹Hame by our Fire side,
 To keep my ¹⁰Riggs, and save my ¹¹Hide;
 But when the Goud lay on the Board,
 They made me draw my trusty Sword,
 And swear while I had ¹²Limb or Lith,
 For *Charly* I wou'd try my ¹³Pith:
 The ¹⁴Cullishangie they teld me,
 Was to get back the Crown, which he
 By Right of ¹⁵Blid ought to possis,
 This I believ'd, and now confes,
That

¹ who give

² Belly

³ very

⁴ not

⁵ alas! This Word *Vow* is sometimes made use of by way of Surprise or Wonder, as, *Vow Man gin ye be Stout.*

⁶ often

⁷ Children

⁸ give

⁹ Home

¹⁰ Land

¹¹ Skin

¹² while I had the Use of my Limbs

¹³ Strength

¹⁴ Quarrel

¹⁵ Blood

That as I thought him in the Right,
 I laid about me in the 'Feught,
 More like a Devil than a Man,
 'Till at *Culloden* we ²a ran.
 But now the ³Gallas is the Place,
 Where I ⁴mawn flap my earthly Race;
 Unless, as I have said before,
 The King, whose Mercy I implore,
 Will ⁵a ⁶daft Donald's Pranks forgive,
 And let him for a ⁷whillum live;
 Since I ne'er yet did ⁸brak my Word,
 As I ⁹mawn ¹⁰anser to the Lord;
 If he'll but ¹¹tak it at this Time,
 I'll bless him ¹²beth in Prose and Rhime.

¹ Fight² all³ Gallows⁴ must⁵ all⁶ foolish⁷ a little Time⁸ break⁹ must¹⁰ answer¹¹ take¹² both

F I N I S.

